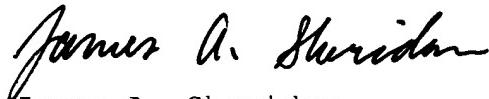


Remarks

As noted in the accompanying REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION, this is a continuation of pending prior application Serial No. 09/340,584, filed 06/28/99 by Rickey D. Hart and John T. Rice for SURGICAL FASTENING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING THE SAME, which is a continuation of prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/174,814, filed 10/19/98 by Rickey D. Hart and John T. Rice for SURGICAL FASTENING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING THE SAME, which is a continuation of prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/560,111, filed 11/17/95 by Rickey D. Hart and John T. Rice for SURGICAL FASTENING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING THE SAME. The above amendment is intended to make this fact of record in the specification of this continuation application.

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